

Climate Action Ideas

Group projects

- Create a rain garden with native plants to hold water on the ground & allow it to soak in
 - Reducing runoff reduces flood water and improves water quality
- Plant trees, shrubs or native flowers
 - Trees and other native plants store carbon
- Conduct a campaign to educate fellow students or your community about climate change and its effects on Minnesota, the Mississippi River and National Parks – and personal actions that help
 - Educational campaigns can take many forms – make a video, create posters, design a t-shirt, make a play and perform it at your school, make a PowerPoint presentation for other classes of students to see
- Conduct “green studies” such as recording phenology (temperature, bird arrivals, etc.)
- Conduct habitat improvement projects in your neighborhood
- Prevent polluted runoff: clean up streets that contribute runoff to the river; conduct storm drain stenciling to educate residents that streets flow to rivers
- Write a letter to your Legislator, Congress person, or other decision maker

Personal habits

- Conserve energy at home and school
 - Turn off lights, TV, computers, etc; unplug electrical devices when not in use
- Conserve water
 - Pumping water through our homes and cities is highly energy consumptive, so conserving water conserves energy too
- Reduce, reuse, recycle
 - All of these techniques save energy and reduce climate change
- Eat a climate friendly diet
 - Eating local food uses less energy-consuming transportation to get food to you
 - Eating a plant-based diet significantly reduces greenhouse gas emissions
 - Eating less-processed food uses much less energy
- Stop food waste
 - When food waste goes into a landfill, greenhouse gases are emitted